

REPORT OF THE ALTON GARDEN CLUB

The Alton Garden Club has again fulfilled its commitment to the Town of Alton through its beatification program, which includes approximately 50 barrels of petunias along Main Street and at the Bay. Members also spent many hours at numerous gardens throughout the Town replacing trees, perennials and spreading mulch. We were especially pleased to see that a picture of the gazebo at Ginny Douglas Park was chosen for the Town Report cover. A small committee headed by Ann Hoagland and Kay Connolly, keep the gazebo in a constant state of appropriate decoration throughout the year. All of these endeavors have been made easier for us through the generosity of Sunflower Gardens and Precious Gardens.

Members were kept from April to November with a wide variety of programs. The highlight of the year was a mid-summer fund-raiser in the form of a fashion show, which featured Miss New Hampshire of 2006 together with many members and friends. The success of the show has allowed the club to establish a scholarship to be awarded in the spring of 2007 to a deserving Prospect Mountain High School student with an interest in horticulture/agriculture.

The club continues to support the Loon Preservation Committee, Nature Conservancy, Lakes Region Conservation and the Alton Mrs. Santa Fund. A new American flag was recently presented to the Gilman Library for display in their downstairs meeting room. Deceased members were also remembered with books on horticulture given to the Gilman Library.

We were very pleased to welcome eleven new members into the club this year.

Officers for 2006 are as follows:

- Viola Russell – President
- Louise Karjansen – Recording Secretary
- Margaret Birdsey – Corresponding Secretary
- Myra Meier – Treasurer

Respectfully Submitted,

Viola Russell, President